FIREBUG ZUCKER GUILTY.

ELED AT THE PERDICT.

Fursman in the criminal branch of the Suprem

Court last night. The jury retired at 3:07

Fursman went uptown and left word that he

would be back at 10 o'clock unless the jury

from the jury room that they had agreed upon

a verdict, and the Justice was notified. He

reached court at 10:20, and the jury filed into

the court room. Assistant District Attorney

Vernon M. Davis and Messrs, Battle and H. C.

Davis appeared within the rail and Lawyer

Abraham Levy represented the defence. Few

persons other than the reporters were admitted

Zucker did not betray the slightest emotion

as Foreman of the Jury John C. Willard an-

nounced the verdict. The jury was polled at

the request of Lawyer Levy, who then requested

that the sentence be deferred to as late as possi-

ble to-day in order that he might have at

opportunity to consult with the senior counsel.

Justice Fursman said he would have to sen-

tance Zucker at 10 o'clock this morning, but

would request the Sheriff to delay the transfer

of the prisoner to Sing Sing for twenty-four

hours. The Justice then thanked the jury and

Zucker's wife, his eldest daughter Annie, a

grown som awaited the verdict in the rotunda

of the court house. Lawyer Levy tried to pre-

neighborhood. When the jury came in she was

back at the court house with her daughter and

sons. She was not allowed to enter the court

to the spectators' seats.

Lawyer Howe.

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RUSHED BY COMMUTERS.

RAILROAD MEN OVERPOWERED, MESSENGER CARRIED THROUGH, They Wouldn't Let Little Mickey Campbell Take His Parcels on a Train-The Cry-

ing Boy Surrounded by Commuters and

Rushed Through in Football Fashion, The rule of the New Jersey Central Railroad prohibiting commuters from carrying bundles on the trains of the company was the cause of a rumpus at the company's ferry in this city yesterday afternoon. A messenger from Elizabeth who had his arms filled with bundles, attempted to pass through the ferry gates, but was prewented by the railroad men. Then the messen-ger railled to his support about thirty Elizabeth commuters, who formed ward around him and carried him safely on the boat, and finally on the

train at Jersey City.

The rule was made to prevent the messengers from the several cities near New York doing a carrying business, and was enforced, it is claimed, at the instance of an express company operating over the Jersey Central lines.

Fortwenty-five years Michael Campbell has carried packages between Elizabeth and this city. He has had the sympathy of the Elizabeth merchants and also of the Elizabeth commuters, and by the aid of the latter he has been successful in continuing his business, despite the attempts of the railroad officials to stop him. Under the laws of New Jersey the railroads can prevent a passenger taking a bundle on a train, but if he once gets aboard with his packages they cannot put him off. Every day for several months Campbell's friends have received packages from him at the Liberty street ferry and carried them on the train, where they have been delivered to the messengers who went aboard empty

Yesterday afternoon Campbell sent his tenyear-old son, Michael, Jr., to the ferry with an armful of packages for delivery to Elizabeth merchants, thinking that the lad could slip through unnoticed. The boy was told to go on the 5:30 train, but the railroad men were on the watch and spied young Mike before he entered the ferry house, When he attempted to pass through the gate the railroad employees turned him back, saying that he could not take the packages on the ferryboat. The lad began to cry and thereby attracted the attention of several commuters, among them D. B. Provest, an architect of Elizabeth. When they heard the boy's story, the commuters protested against the action of the ferrymen, but the latter repiled that they were acting under orders.

Then the commuters determined to get the boy and his packages to Elizabeth despite the company's rules, and they told the ferrymen as much. The latter, fearing a rush, secured reenforcements and had a squad of men posted at each entrance. Several commuters posted themselves where they could Elizabeth commuters as they approached the ferry, and as each Elizabethan appeared he was informed of the attempt to keep young Campbell off the boat and train. As soon as he learned the facts of the case each new comer joined the crowd, until the number was swelled to thirty.

Then forming in a mass, with young Campbell and his bundles in the middle, the commuters made a rush for the gate. The ferrymen resisted, and for a few seconds it looked as though a free fight would occur, but the railroad men were outnumbered and the commuters finally bore their charge—bundles and boy—through the gate and on the boat. There the crowd of angry commuters rehearsed the tale of their exploit and received an addition to their ranks of twenty others, some of whom live in Plainfield and other towns between there and

When the boat reached the Jersey City slip young Campbell was in the centre of a determined crowd of fifty men, who, as soon as the furryboat was made fast, made a rush up the gangway for the train. A gang of railroad employees awaited them, as word of the occurrence in the New York ferry house pen telephoned across the river. But again the railroad men were outnumbered and were shoved to one side as the hollow square commuters marched at double quick the train. Another attempt was made in the train shed to stop young Campbell, but again, under the direction of Mr. Provost, the railroad men were defeated, and the boy was triumphantly escorted One of the railroad officials threatened to have Mr. Provost arrested for assisting Campbell, but he was defied, and thereupon retired from the scene. As the train pulled into the Elizabeth station the commuters gave a cheer for their young charge, and after assisting him from the car promised to help smuggle bundles for him over the ferry every

Somerville was compelled to give up his business through the refusal of the rallroad company to permit him to carry bundles on the trains, and ever since the war on messengers was thus begun the officials of the company have been after Campbell. They have driven all the other Elizabeth messengers off their line, but Campbell has succeeded in outwitting them every day. Now that the railroad men have been defeated in open conflict, it is said that they will make extraordinary endeavors to break up Campbell's business. But the commuters have taken up the matter and they declare they will support Campbell to the last ditch. They claim that he is entitled to all the privileges they enjoy, which are very few, and if they permit the railroad to encroach on him they fear that they will be the next attacked. Not only the 1,000 commuters of Elizabeth have interested themselves in this matter, but an equal number from Plainfield and adjacent towns have declared that they will act in behalf of the messengers, so that a protracted war is imminent.

About two months ago a messenger from

Judgo Yerkes Reads a Lesson on the Sins for Which Wheeling Is Responsible. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28,-Having forged his employer's name to a check for \$56.75 on the West Philadelphia Bank in order to buy himself a bicycle, William H. Freeman pleaded guilty in Quarter Sessions Court, before Judge Yerkes to-day. The Judge said that it was astonishing the amount of crime that grew out of the bleycle trade; at least one-third of the business of the court was made up by persons who were led astray in some way by the bicy-Mr. Hinkson, Freeman's employer, said he realized this fact very furcibly He could six at his front window and count dozens of persons riding merrily past who owed him grocery bills. Freeman was asked if he had ever attempted to pass a worthless check on a bloycle dealer, the Court having some intimation to that effect. He indignantly r ented such an insinuation. A dealer who was called to the stand said that Freeman had purchased a biercle from him and tendered a check for "56.75, signed by Mr. Hinkson, as a first payment, asking that the difference be given in cash. A sentence of nine months was imposed by Judge Yerkes.

OVERHAULING THE ST. PAUL. 800 Rivoters and Cauthers Will Go to

Work on Her. LONDON, Dec. 28.-Three hundred riveters and caulkers have gone to Southampton from the shippard of J. & G. Thompson of Glasgow for the purpose of overhauling the American line steamer St. Paul. It is said that the entire hull of the St. Pant below a certain level must be reriveted, her engines having strained the boits boilding her plates and frame together. It will take some time to do the work.

THE VENEZUELA TREATY.

Our Intervention in the Dispute Is Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The Venezuelan boundary dispute is considered closed, as far as the United States is concerned, and all further negotiations for its adjudication lie wholly with the two parties to the controversy, Venezuela and Great Britain. This explanation comes from the State Department, where it is further stated that with the acceptance by the Venezuelan Executive three weeks ago of the heads for the proposed treaty of arbitration, as signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Mr. Olney on Nov. 12, the friendly intervention of the United States had been completed. and the only additional acts of the United States will be the publication of the evidence and reports collected by the Venezuelan High Commission and the eventual reference to the United States Supreme Court of the concurrent request of the two countries for the appointment of two jurists as members of the tribunal as provided by the treaty.

As the Venezuelan Congress, which must eass upon this treaty, has been called to meet in executive session on Feb. 1, instead of waiting until its constitutional meeting day. Feb. 20, It is presumed that Mr. Andrade and the British Ambassador will complete the details of the convention directly, in order that it may reach Caracas within a month.

Minister Andrade, who arrived in New York

on Saturday from Caracas, reached Washington last night. He said that he could not at present, for diplomatic reasons, make public any information respecting the treaty. Private letters which arrived on the steamer that brought Mr. Andrade to this country disprove the correctness of the despatches printed several weeks ago, that when the terms of the treaty became known in Caracas great indignation existed among the people, and that strong influences were exerted to prevent its ratification. All the information is to the conrary. It is asserted in these letters that while Mr. Michelani, the former Minister to England, objected particularly to the fifty-year clause of the treaty, his protest was contained in a single letter published in a Caracas newspaper. It was immediately followed by a succession of other letters from former Secretaries of State, former Venezuelan Ministers at Washington and London, and other prominent persons, declaring that the treaty was precisely what Venezuela cesired, and which she had asked Great Britain a wore of times to make. It is argued from this and from other information which has been current in diplomatic circles for some weeks, that the treaty is acceptable to the Venezuelan bespie generally, and it is not doubted that it will be promptly signed by Senor Andrade and Sir Julian Pauncefote, representing respectively Venezuela and Great Britain.

At noon to-day Secretary Olney drove to the British Embassy and had a long conference with Sir Julian, presumably with reference to land, objected particularly to the fifty-year

with Sir Julian, presumably with reference to

Minister Andrade met Sir Julian Pauncefote at the British Embassy this afternoon and discussed the few remaining decails relating to the treaty. The Venezuelan Government is very desirous that a citizen of that country should be placed on the Board of Arbitration, and it is well known that Sefor Andrade cherishes the hope that this may be done, though his wishes are not likely to be gratified. It was the belief in Caracas that this consideration would not be shown to Venezuela, and this formed the basis of some of the opposition to its approval. The treaty itself simply provides that two Justices of the United States Supreme Court and two members of the British Supreme Court shall select the board, and that in the event of their failure to agree. King Oscar of Sweden shall nominate the fifth umpire. The time and place of meeting have been left a blank in the treaty, to be agreed upon by Sir Julian and Sefor Andrade. These meetings will not be held either in Venezuela. The Tinted States, or is British territory. Neutral ground satisfactory to both countries will be selected, and it is not improbable that for a variety of reasons Paris or Brussois may be chosen.

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It may be ten or twelve days before the protocol will be signed. The treaty provides that Sir Julian and Señor Andrade may sign for their respective Governments, but Sir Julian rannot Go this unless he receives his formal instructions from Great Britain, and it is understructions from Great Britain, and it is understructed that these have not yet been mailed. Señor Andrade on the other hand is said to have brought this authority with him to Washington, but he will defer acting until Sir Julian can set jointly with him. ington, but he will derer ac Julian can set jointly with him.

OUR TREATY WITH OREAT BRITAIN.

It Provides for the Arbitration of Disputes Not Involving National Honor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The latest information respecting the Anglo American treaty, under the terms of which all future disputes be-tween the United States and Great Britain, not involving the honor of the two Governments, are to be referred to an arbitration tribunal, is that it will be signed by the British Ambassa-dor, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and by Secretary Oiney, representing the United States, this week. The last point of difference between the two officials was settled a few days ago and cabled to Lord Salisbury for his approval. State Department officials believe that Lord Salisbury's results, which as received to be faced

inhabitants took no part whatever in the re-

"Regarding the twenty-nine prisoners who

were dragged to see their graves dug and then

butchered, I have the story from an eve-witness

who is ready to bear witness if need be. As to

Chinese preparing food for Japanese and then

being butchered, it is true. As to the Prefect of

Hunnim issuing a proclamation to bring back the people, and when they returned butchering them, my informant saw and read the procla-mation, and the slaughter took place on the two

COLOMBIA MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR IT

in Her Ports.

apreared at the State Department to-day to

make formal complaint against the Govern-

ment of Colombia for what they term the per-

sistent persecution of American shipping, par-

ticularly in the case of the schooner George L.

ticularly in the case of the schooner George L. Whitford, owned by Mr. Schapp, and employed by him in bringing cooranuts to the United States. This versel was seized at Porto Cabello last March and detained at Colon several weeks on frumped-up charges of landing contraband arms. Consul Pearcy of Colon, who was at the department to day, corroborated their statements to the effect that discriminations were made. It was also stated that vessels of other nationalities were not imposed upon. It is understood that Secretary Olney will take the matter up energetically with the Colombian Government and insist upon fair treatment. An indemnity for the Whitford incident will also be demanded.

SHOT FOR A PAIR OF GLOVES,

Hayes Wouldn't Pay What Casteriain De-

manded and Was Mortally Wounded.

Richard Hayes, 19 years old, of 13 Canton

street, Brooklyn, is dying in the Cumberland Street Hospital from a bullet wound in the abdomen inflicted by Frank Caster-

lain, 23 years old, of 78 Canton street. Hayes bought a pair of gloves for 10 cents in Casteriain's paol room, and the latter subsequently demanded the full price. Hayes refused to pay, and as he was leaving Casteriain which thim with a bir revolver. Casteriain was arrested. Coroner commissions Hayes's antemortem statement late last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Mr. Leopold Schapp

bellion. The correspondent says:

another professed firebug, were the principal witnesses against Zucker. The latter took the stand in his own behalf and said that he never knew Schoenholz or Meyer. He also said he could not remember whether he had had fires in his stores before in Philadelphia and whether he had ever received money from insurance companies. Assistant District Atterney Davis then produced receipts which he had signed.

In his charge to the jury yesterday afternoon Justice Fursman warned them not to be swayed he had signed.

In his charge to the jury yesterday afternoon Justice Fursman warned them not to be swayed by any sympathy for the defendant's family, who had been in evidence in the court room. The defendant, he said, was entitled to an acquittal unless the jurymen were absolutely convinced of his guilt. If the jurymen did not find that Schoenholz's testimony had been corroborated they must acquit, as the law states that 'no person shall be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice.' The Justice then read the testimony of Schoenholz, who had sworn that Zucker had cut a bool into an adjoining house when he planned the fire in his own tenement in the Division street fire. State repartment officials believe that Lord Salisbury's reply, which is expected to be favor-able, will reach Washington not later than Wednesday, in which event the formal signing of the treaty will immediately follow. It is pre-dicted to-day that the treaty will be sent to the Senate within a few days after the reassembling of Congress next week. JAPANESE ATROCITIES.

fire.
"Unless you find that this defendant caused
the partition between the a hole to be put in the partition between the houses at 244 and 256 Division street," said the Justice, "so that the fire should spread from one house to another, you cannot find him guilty of arson in the first decree. Why? Recause there was nobody living at 264 Division street, and there was at 266 Division street." Murderons and Cruel Treatment of the Natives of Formosa. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 .- A correspondent of the Japan Mail reiterates the statements concerning the atrocities of Japanese troops in

Formosa. Many towns were destroyed whose TO HELP ROSTON STRIKERS

A Meeting in Fancuil Hall Names a Con

Boston, Dec. 28 .- A mass meeting of citizens o discuss the West End strike and to take steps to help the 800 employees of the company who were discharged summarily was held in Fancuil Hall this evening. The hall was full. Robert Treat Paine was one of the speakers but what he said was far from being sympa thetic. He reminded the men of the mistakes they had made. There was dead silence at this

reminder. Then he told them what they should have done. "First, they should have secured the arm pathy of the public; then, if their cause was just, they would have won." While Mr. Paine was speaking, a woman in the gallery, with a voice as thin as a bread knife, cried out in high

mation, and the slaughter took place on the two days following.

"Women who were assaulted came here and to one of our lady missionaries bore witness to the fact. Since the Japanese arrived in Formora I have several times travelled from Chang Wha on the north to Tang Kong on the south, and in the village I have heard dezens of stories to the same effect. If all these things had been done in a time of war, one would have little or nothing to say, but they were done in a time of nominal peace." I should like to ask how Mr. Paine treats his She was told that she would be put out if she spoke again. So she sat and looked what she thought. Alleged Persecution of American Shipping of New York and his attorney, A. F. Seligsberg,

spoke again. So she sat and looked what she thought.

George Fred Williams made the speech of the evening. He suggested the municipal ownership of street railroads and said: "Your only remedy is at the polls."

J. B. Fly presented the employees' side, and a committee of five was appointed to call on the directors of the road to see if something could not be done toward the reinstatement of the 800 men who lost their places. The West End road was not represented. Robert Treat Paine is one of the committee. The others are Alderman Mahoney, Senator Quinn, the Rev. W. H. Allbright, and the Hon. S. J. McEttrick. man Mahoney, Senator Quinn, the Rey Allbright, and the Hon. S. J. McEttrick,

FINE ICE CROP IN SIGHT.

Harvesters to Begin Work on Saratoga County Lakes and on the Upper Hudson, SARATOGA, Dec. 28.- Idemen will on Wednesday begin the annual harvesting and storing of ice, and will continue operations for several weeks unless interrupted by a thaw. The mercury this morning dropped to 10° below zero, and it was a fair sample of the frigid conditions experienced here for over a week. The pro-tracted cold weather has produced a crop of 12fach bine-tinted ice. The ice harvesters will seat work large gauge of men in order to store as much of this ice as possible. Cutting will begin at Saratoga Lake, italiston Lake, Loughberry Lake, Granite Lake, and the upper Hudson River.

The Hot Springs of Arkansas, The official records show that over 1,000 soldlers and saliors have been treated for the unaits must the United States Ario, and havy Hospital, Hot Springs. Ark. and over 40 per cent, peruanently cured. This is the best season to visit Bot Springs. Winter climate mild and sunny, lijustrated pamphlets and full information furnished by W. E. Feyt, 321 Broadway, New York.—440. CORBIN LOANS SYNDICATED.

Additional Margin Called for Because Long HIS WIFE AND DAUGRTER FREN-A meeting of the secured creditors of the Austin Corbin estate was held on Saturday last, at which it was agreed to syndicate the collat-

eral loans made by the late Mr. Corbin, which, Forty Years' Imprisonment Stares in the t is understood, are secured chiefly by pledge of Face the Man Who, It Is Atleged, Has Long Island Railroad stock. The amount of Made a Fortuse of \$200,000 Out of Inthese loans is said to be about \$1,500,000. Acteendlariom-He Will Be Sentenced To-day ing in unison, the institutions and other lenders of money who made advances to Mr. Corbin Isaac Zucker of Union Hill, N. J., who is have agreed to extend the loans for six alleged to have made a fortune amounting to nearly \$200,000 out of incendiary fires, was conmonths, and, pending the liquidation of the obligations, Mr. Corbin's widew is to turn victed of armon in the first degree before Justice over to a trustee, for the protection of the creditors, or as additional security for the oans. \$600,000 worth of real estate. It is o'clock and at 6 o'clock were allowed to go out understood that with this additional security for dinner in charge of court officers. Justice the Long Island stock which Mr. Corbin hy pothecated is margined down, in the loans, to agreed in the meanwhile. At 9:20 word came

about 1716 per cent, of its par value. The Union Trust Company will, it is understood, act as trustee for the syndicate, both in respect to the liquidation of the loans and as custodian of the real estate put in trust for the creditors by Mrs. Corbin. The action of the creditors and of Mrs. Corbin was made neces sary by the continuous and material shrink age in Long Island Railroad stock during the ast few months, which, it is generally believed in Wall street, has resulted chiefly from un concerted liquidation of some of Mr. Corbin's obligations. When Mr. Corbin was killed las summer Long Island stock was selling at about 85. It sold last Thursday at 42, and was sub sequently offered at a much lower price There were no transactions in it yester day on the Stock Exchange. Those interested in the arrangement to protect the Corbin loans were rejuctant to speak of the matter yesterday, for the reason that all of the details of the transaction have not yet been completed; for example, time will be required to draw and file the trust deeds to be executed by Mrs. Corbin. It is learned, however, that practically all of pretty dark-haired girl of 19 years, and two he collateral loan creditors have signed the syndicate agreement, and that it is only a ques ion of time when the arrangement described vail on Mrs Zucker and the family to go to will be completed.

their home, but the woman would not do so and SLAPPED HIM AT THE THEATRE. her children remained with her. She finally agreed to go to the house of a friend in the

Angry Wife Made Him Leave the Other Just as the curtain went down on the second room, and waited outside.

When the first man came out of the courtroom she seemed to read the verdict in his face. She was told that the jury had been locked up for the night.

"Oh, no, no, you can't tell me that. They have slaughtered him—the brutes. Oh, how could they do it, when shrinked. act of "An American Beauty" at the Casino last night two well-dressed women came in the theatre and strode up to a tall, thin man who

stood in the foyer.
"Where is he?" said one of the women in a roice which shook with emotion. "There!" was the laconic response, and the man pointed down the left alsle.

have slaughtered him the brutes. Oh, how could they do it," she shrieked.

She fainted and was carried to a chair some distance away from the court-room door. When she revived she called to her son Willle, who was sitting on the steps leading up stairs with his head buried in his hands. The eldest daughter, Annie, tried to quiet her mother without success. Then the girl became excited and hysterical, too. Without another word the woman strode down the alsie. Near the front of the house sat his head buried in his hands. The eldest daughter. Annie, tried to quiet her mother without success. Then the girl became excited and hysterical, too.

"Willie, get a revolver and shoot them," she cried, stamping her foot and gritting her testh. Her mother broke out again in a torrent of invective against the Judge, jury, and Assistant District Attorney Pavis.

"How could they bring in such a verdict and kill my poor husband? How could they believe such liars—the assassins, brutes, murderers?"

A young man led Miss Zucker away and the others prevailed on the mother to leave the building, which she did still cursing the procecution and making threats.

Zucker has two other daughters at home, the youngest, Rose, being two years old. Their mother had promised them when she left the house to bring their father home with her.

Justice Fursman, the jury and the Assistant Diatrict Attorneys left the court room by a private exit to avoid the scene in the corridor.

Zucker's conviction is the first since the new law reducing the punishment for arson in the first degree from life imprisonment to a maximum of ferty years and a minimum of ten years. Lawyer Levy said that he would apply for a saty of execution of sentence to-day pending an appeal.

Zucker's conviction is regarded by the prosea man about 35 years old. He was accompanied by a good-looking young woman with fair bair and blue eyes. He was just leaning over to say something to her, when the first woman cracked him over the back of the head with the palm of her hand and said:

"What are you doing here?" "What the dev-" began the man, rising from his seat; then his eye met that of the wo man and his indignation disappeared in a second. "Don't make a scene, my dear; it's—"
"Don't dear me, you flend," cried the woman
in a loud voice, "Get your coat and come
alone"

in a loud voice, "Get your coat and come along."

The blond woman laughed as the man reached for his coat, and he hesitated. It was only for a seryad, however. The first woman grabbed him by the collar and with one yank hauled him out into the aisle.

"Now go," she said, and the man went.

In the foyer she was joined by her companion, and the two scolded the man in such loud lones that the ushers had to tell them to get out of the theatre. A crowd of men, in evening dress and otherwise, followed the three into the street.

At the corner of Broadway the woman, whose indignation had been rising until her remarks control of herself and punched the man twice with her clenched fist. The second blow knocked his hat off, and when he went to pick it up, the woman struck him again.

Then the two crossed Broadway the woman. stay of execution of sentence to-day pending an appeal.

Zucker's conviction is regarded by the prosecution as the most important that has yet been effected. He is said to be a wealthy man and to have furnished money for the men in the various firebug conspiracies. The specific crime charged against him was the firing of a ramshackle tenement at 264 Division street, which was worth \$500, mortgaged for \$6,000 and insured for \$5,000. It was alleged that he employed firebugs to burn down the place, as he intended building a flat house, Morris Schoenholz, who is serving a forty-eight-year sentence for arson, and Gus Meyer, another professed firebug, were the principal witnesses against Zucker. The latter took the stand in his own behalf and

his fat off, and when he went to pick it up, the woman struck him again.

Then the two crossed Broadway, the woman shricking in her excitement and the man protesting and begging her not to make a scene.

"I tell you she is a friend of a friend of mine," he said.

"Liar! Har!" cried the woman. "A friend, you say? Why did she sneer at me? How dare you allow any woman to sneer in your wife's ou allow any woman to sneer in your wife

you allow any woman to sneer in your wife's face! You devil, you will drive me mad," and acain the woman made passes at the man. This time her friend, who had been following a little way behind, came up and said something which quieted her.

In the middle of the block on Thirty-ninth street, between Broadway and Seventh avenue, the woman broke out agein, but a polleeman came ever from the side door of the Metropolitan Onera House and the three moved on. The last seen of them they were going up Seventh avenue on the west side of the street, the woman gesticulating wildly and talking in a loud voice; the man walking along with his hands in his pookets and saying nothing, the other woman bringing up the rear.

The tail thin man who seemed to be a reight up the rear.

The tall, thin man, who seemed to be a private detective, disappeared from the theatre the moment the row began.

WRECKERS DERAILED THE TRAIN The Cahaba River Bridge Disaster Was

Their Work. BIRMINGRAM, Ala., Dec. 28 - Few further de ails are obtainable as to the railroad wreck at the Cahaba River bridge vesterday. The raiload officials have a list of twenty-one dead, that number of bodies having been taken out of the river; but the belief gains ground that there are more dead odies in the river, if some were not entirely consumed by fire. The railroad officials, however say the place has been thoroughly searched. It seems impossible to ascertain how many pas schgers were on the train.

It was learned this morning that a mar named Libbs and his wife got on the train at Guiners, six miles this side of the wreck. They

Guiners, six miles this side of the wreck. They are missing, and it is probable that they were burned in the wreck. This makes the list of dead 23. Six who were supposed to be missing have been accounted for.

A further examination of the bridge shows that the spikes on one side had been drawn for a rail's length, which indicates that a rail was moved out of place to wreck the train. The story that three men robbed the dead and dying has not been confirmed. The railroad officials, who are now sure that wreckers derailed the train, have an army of detectives at work on the case.

W. D. Ross, a bridge carpenter, who was hurt in a collision at the scene of the disaster between two relief trains, died to-day. Another bridge carpenter, named Estes, had both his legs cut off in the second wreck and he will die. Of the wounded in the bridge disaster two will likely die before night.

MARY I. SMALLEY'S DEATH.

It Came Suddenly and Coroner Coombs Har

Mrs. Mary T. Smalley, 40 years old, was found dead in bed in her furnished room in the house of Peter Claussen at 631 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday morning. She had only en gaged the room on Saturday night. She was a gaged the room on caturary might. She was a nurse by profession. Coroner Coomba is inves-tigating the case. He ascertained that Mrs. Smalley had a bank book, showing \$500 to her credit and \$54 in cash. There was also in her packet a deed for a plot in Green wood Cemetery. Coroner Coombs learned last night that her hushand, George Smalley, who was a lawyer, and at one time held a Government place, disand at one time held a Government place, dis-appeared several years ago, and a week after-ward was found drowned in the East River off East Fifty-fourth street. An autopsy will be made to day in order to ascertain the cause of the woman's death.

Train Robbers Caught. Houston, Tex., Dec. 28.-Information was re-

ceived by the Wells-Fargo Express officials here yesterday that the State Rangers had captured the robbers who held up the Southern Pacific passenger train at Comstock, Tex., a week ago, The robbers are in jail at Del Hio, Tex. The leader of the gang is A. H. Perviance of Del Hio, and the others are Bud Newman, Frank Gable, and R. M. Shackelford, who live in that section of the country.

First-class Table d'Hote 75 Cents. With wine \$1.00. The Waswick, Breadway and 40th at SPAIN AND THE POWERS.

SHE ASKS THEM WHAT THEY WILL DO IF SHE FIGHTS US.

England Returns a Non-Committal Reply-Italy Would Help Bestore Peace-The Pope Favors Spain, and Austria's Sympathles Would Be with That Country. LONDON, Dec. 28,-The Rome correspondent of

he Chronicle telegraphs that the Spanish Government recently questioned Great Britain, France, and Italy regarding their attitude in the event of war between Spain and the United States. Great Britain, the correspondent adds, de-

clined to give a definite, coply, saying that everything depended on the course of events and the subsequent relations of the contending nations. Italy offered to assist in bringing about an amicable arrangement of the trouble, without promising to support Spain. The attitude of the Vatican is absolutely

favorable to Spain. King Alfonso has written to the Pope asking for his prayers that the Spaniards shall be victorious. The Chronicle says it learns that the Paris despatch published by the Times Saturday regard-

ing the attitude of the powers toward the United States was untrue. The Times has a despatch from Paris saying that the Austrian court and Government have for a long time been uneasy regarding the attitude of the American jingoes toward Spain, and that this uneasiness has been expressed in conversations with the diplomats in Vienna. Queen Regent Christina of Spain, who is the daughter of the late Archduke Carl Ferdinand of Austria, is one of the most beloved members of

the House of Austria, and, the Times's corre-

spondent adds, there will be no hesitation by

the family in displaying their affection when-

ever it becomes a question of defending the in-

REDMOND ON CUBA'S CAUSE, He Thinks the United States Ought to Bec-

terests of Christina's adopted country.

ognize the Patriots, CHICAGO, Dec. 28,-John E. Redmond, the leader of the Parnellite members of Parliament, said when asked to give his opinion of the

Cuban question: "The United States should by all means recognize Cuba. This country is the sponsor for what exists on this side of the ocean, and recognition is the only road left for Uncle Sam. I do not think European powers would interfere if the Cubans were recognized. Any one who knows anything about the relations of nations knows that no other country is looking to interfere in Spain's behalf. I do not think that

DEFIED RECORDER GOFF.

Spain would go so far as to declare war against

The Experiment Cost Lawyer Amos Evans Henry Adams and Edward and Frederick Rellly, all young men, were on trial yesterday

before Recorder Goff in Part I., General Sessions, on an indictment charging them with attempted extortion It was claimed that they had been blackmail-

ing lawyers and brokers in the Tenderloin dis-trict. Angel Dennett of the Parkhurst society caused their arrest. Amos Evans appeared for the prisoners and Assistant District Attorney Osborne for the people.

Several witnesses had given their testimony

and Lawyer Evans had bobbed up serenely half a dozen times when Mr. Osborne asked the Recorder to stop Evans's interruptions. The Assistant District Attorney was questioning a witness at the time and Evans was standing up objecting to the questions.

addressing Lawyer Evans. 'I wont-"Do you obey the order of this Court? Sit down! "I decline to do so," said the lawyer, still

standing. "The Court has requested counsel to take his seat," said the Recorder, "and he declines. I ask you again to take your seat. Only one counsel should be standing while examining a

witness," Then turning to Steuographer Osborn the Re

Then turning to Stenographer Osborn the Recorder said:

"The stenographer will make a note of the fact that I again request counsel to sit down."

"Will you allow me to ask a question?" asked Evans.

"No!" thundered the Recorder, "I will not allow you to say a word, Ilo as I tell you or not. The stenographer will note that Mr. Evans refuses to take his seat."

Then getting red in the face the Recorder shouted:

"I will fine you \$50 now for this act of contempt of court. In the presence of this Court, in defiance of its order, you've been standing up the whole of this trial and defied the Court in the presence of this try, and when thrice directed to sit down—"

Mr. Evans sat down and the trial was continued. After court had adjourned Mr. Evans picked up his overcost and hat. Then he glanced at three court policemen near him and asked if he was under arrest. Noone answered, Then he walked to the bar and addressed the Recorder.

"If your Honor pleases." he said, "I was nucl \$50 by you this afternoon. I have not left.

Recorder.
"If your Honor pleases," he said, "I was fined \$50 by you this afternoon. I have not left the court room and did not know whether I was at liberty to do so."
"Attend to your client," said the Recorder.

and Mr. Evans started out to raise t which he will be expected to pay to-day.

SALOON'S MOVABLE PARTITION. Did Superintendent Constable Say the Piner

Compiled with the Building Law ! Policeman Keating of the East Sixty-sevently street station arraigned Autonio Jonota of 1310 First avenue in Yorkville Police Court yester day for violating the Excise law. Keating went into Vincent Masin's Raines law hotel at the above number on Sunday and ordered a drink. Jonota served it and was arrested. It is charged that the place is running in violation of the law, inasmuch as the "dining room" is separated from the saloon only by a folding partition. The partition is closed on Sunday only. Joseph Nedeji, internal revenue collector for the Yorkville district, appeared for Joneta. He

contended that Magistrate Cornell had once before had the same case before him and discharged the prisoner, holding that the law was not violated. Nedeji also said that Superim tendent Constable of the Building Department had examined the place and said it compiled with the law. with the law.
"Do you mean to tell me," asked Magistrate
Wentworth, "that Mr. Constable told you that
the folding partition was all that was neces-Wentworth, that was all that was neces-the folding partition was all that was neces-sary?"
"Yes." answered Nedeji.
"Well, Mr. Constable has enough to do to mind his own business."

mind his own business."
The police say that the partition is used simply as a subterfuge.
"There are ten rooms in the place," said Keating. "but in some a man would have to stand on the bed to undress."
Jonota was held in \$1,000. When he went to the desk to give ball his employer, Vincent Masin, stepped up to go on his bond. Magistrate Wentworth ordered Jonota discharged and Masin arrested in his place. The saloon keeper gave ball.

A Railroad Tunnel Two and a Half Miles Long.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28 .- Mr. H. C. Henry has secured the contract to build the approaches to the Great Northern Railroad's tun-nel through the Cascade Mountains, and men are on their way to begin work. The tunnel will be two and a half miles long, and will re-duce the altitude of the road 1,000 feet.

Easy to digest and of delightful flavor are Deerloo Farm Sousages. Be sure you get the genuine. Add.

COERCING THE SULTAN.

The Ambassadors Will Meet To-day to Discuss the Measures to Be Taken.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28,-M. Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador to Turkey, acting as spokesman for the concert of European nations, has notified the Sultan that the agreement of the powers upon the question of the enforcement of reforms in Turkey is perfect, and that they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the Porte in giving assent to the proposals for such reforms submitted by the representatives of the powers.

The Ambassadors will hold a conference to

morrow, the purpose of which is understood to

be the discussion of the question of resorting to coercive measures to compel the Sultan to put the proposed reforms into operation, should such action become necessary to their enforcement. The matter of the time of putting the measures into operation will also be discussed The financial scheme formulated by M. Nelldoff is understood to involve the revision of the entire Ottoman debt under a guarantee of the European powers signatory to the agreement, The plan also contemplates the full control of the European powers over the Turkish reve nues, with the allotment of a fixed sum for the maintenance of the army and navy and for the purposes of the Sultan's private purse, and further provides that the Sultan's appointment of his Ministers shall be subject to the approval or veto of the representatives of the powers in Constantinople.

SAYS HE HAS LIVED 120 YEARS. Reuben Keith, an Ex-Slave from Virginia

Reuben Keith, a negro, who is visiting his daughter at 168 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn, declares that he is the oldest person in the United States. He says he is 120 years old and was born in Virginia. His master was Capt. Jim Payne, an American soldier in the War of the Revolution. Capt. Payne owned a plantation in Fork Hill county on the Rappanannock River, and there Keith on the Rappanannock River, and there Kelth was born in slavery, Keith's wife, who is 88 years old, was also a slave, and was married when she was 16. She came North nine years ago, and Keith followed five years later. He has since lived at Plainfield, N. J., with one of his daughters. His wife makes her home in Brooklyn. Keith walks without assistance, but when he goes from Plainfield to Brooklyn his daughter pins a waybill on his coat, and the railroad hands and ferrymen aid him to reach his destination. His sight is almost gone and he is partially deaf. aged ex-slave says he has never used to-, and has only rarely used intoxicating

SUICIDE IN CENTRAL PARK. An Unidentified Man Shoots Himself Near

the West Drive. Park Policeman Nuoffer, when at Ninety-seventh street and the West Drive in Central Park yesterday, heard a pistol shot. Hurrying in the direction of the sound, he found a man lying gasping and unconscious upon one of the Park benches. He was bleeding from a wound in the right temple, while at his right hand lay a nearly new Se-calibre revolver, with one chamber empty. The policeman rang for the Park ambulance, but before it arrived the man was dead. The lody was taken to the Morgue. Among the suicide's effects were recommendations addressed to Fritz and Frederic Massey. No address was given to the latter name, which the police believe is that of the suicide. The body was poorly clad.

The nark police say that the suicide is a man who had been seen lounging about the Park frequently during the past few weeks.

TO OFFER REPEATERS TO CHINA Li Hung Chang's Invitation Accepted by

Winchester Arms Company. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.- The first American house of importance to accept the invitation given last summer by Li Hung Chang to the manufacturers of this country to send their representatives to China to show their goods is the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of this city. Henry Brower, one of the company's representatives, will start immediately for China to exhibit the model 1895, or, as it is commonly known, the Winchester army rifle, and the Lee straight-pull rifle, adopted for the navy by the United States Hovermont. The navy by the United States Government. The Winchester people are at present making 10,-000 of these rifles for the Government. During his stay in China Mr. Brewer will exhibit these rifles to the Government officials and Viceroys.

MASKED MEN HOLD UP A SALOON. They Cover the Men Playing Dominoes and Carry Off \$450.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-Three masked men, armed with revolvers, entered the saloon of Mrs. Mary Bernhardt, 131 West Twelfth street, at 11 o'clock last night and robbed the place of \$450 Mrs. Bernhardt was behind the bar when the Mrs. Sernhardt was behind the bar when the men came in, and two patrons of the place were sitting at a table playing dominoes.

All of the men had revolvers. One of them walked over to where the two customers were playing and threatened to kill them if they moved. Another pointed his revolver across the bar at Mrs. Bernhardt and demanded her money. The third man walked behind the bar and helped himself to the contents of the cash drawer. After getting the money the robbers fied.

FATHER AND SON SHOT DOWN.

They Tried to Kill a Town Marshal Who

Was Quick and Game, KNOXVILLE Tenn., Dec. 28 - At Helenwood fifty miles from here, yesterday, Lewis Pemberton, a saloon keeper, appeared on the streets drunk with his Winchester ride and began firing. Town Marshal Frank Hugette attempted firing. Town Marshal Frank Rugette attempted to arrest him, whereupon James Pemberton, father of Lewis, interfered. The younger Pemberton attempted to shoot the marshal, but was too slow, and received a builtet from the officer's revolver which killed him instantly. The father fired at the marshal, the ball taking effect in Hugette's neck and inflicting a flesh wound. The officer shot at the old man, hitting him twice in the chest and once in the bowles. him twice in the chest and once in the bowels They clinched, and the officer then fired twice more, killing his assailant.

KILLED BY HER HUSBAND'S TRAIN. She Is Thought to Have Thrown Herself

Under the Engine Driven by Him. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28 .- It was learned to-day that Mrs. Ella Enger, whose dead body was found, horribly mangled, on the Shore Line in Fair Haven on Saturday night, was killed by the train of which her husband, Fred Eager, was engineer. The couple had had a series of disputes and had been separated for some time. On Saturday night the woman called at the Union Station to see her husband, and it is believed she went immediately to the spot where the body was found and threw herself beneath the wheels of her husband's engine.

Cable Car Knocks a Passenger from

There was a collision early vesterday between a cable car and a Helt line cross-town car at Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue. The cable car was going north when it crashed into the ross-town car. The latter was driven by Michael Moran. John Tierney was the conductor.

Deunis Fisher, 86 years old, of 511 West Forty-eighth street, who was a passenger on the cross-town car, was knocked from the platform to the ground. He sustained slight injuries, which were treated by an ambulance surgeon

Teolley Car Bumps a Wagon; Driver Hurt. While Edward Numer was driving one of Henry Zeltner's brewery wagons along West Farms road, in Van Nest, yesterday a trolley car bumped into the wagon and threw Numer from his sent. In fell in front of the wagon, and the wheels parsed over his left leg, crush-ing it. He was removed to Fordham Hospital.

Bropped Bend in the Street. TROY, Dec. 28. James E. Kimball, sentor member of the firm of James E. Kimball & Son, produce and four merchants of this city, dropped dead on the street to-day. Heart discase was the came. He has a director of the National Bank of Troy, and was one of the best known business men in the city. LANDSLIDE IN IRELAND.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

A PART OF BOY HILL, NEAR EIL LARNEY, SLIPS INTO A RIVER.

The Only House in the Path of the Slide Was Burled with Its Nine Inmates, No One Knows How Deep-The Elver

Dammed by the Mass-A Flood May Come DUBLIN, Dec. 28 .- A landslide has occurred near Rathmore, county Kerry, doing great damage to property and causing the loss of at least nine lives. Heavy rains have fallen in that park of Ireland lately, with the result that some places that are generally dry now resemble vast merasses. Near Rathmore there is an eminence about a thousand feet high, known as Boy Hill.

and it was here that the landslide occurred. The rains percolating through the ground gradually loosened a hugh mass of earth, and on Sunday night, apparently without the alightest warning, a large part of the surface of the hill began to slide toward the valley. Gaining momentum as it moved, it swept downward with a roaring sound, carrying rocks, trees, and everything before it for miles. In some places the path of the landslide was a mile wide, and as it moved along it buried everything, entirely changing the aspect of the section over which is

The residence of Mr. Donnelly, steward of Lord Kenmare, one of whose seats, Killarney House, is at Killarney, was engulfed in the mass of earth and debris, and all its occupants, Mr. Donnelly, his wife, and seven children, were killed. It is supposed that the house was swept from its foundations by the onrushing mass, overturned, and buried to a great depth. As its present locality is not known it is hardly proba-ble that the bodies will ever be recovered.

All the cattle, pigs, and horses on the place were also buried, and there is now a scene of utter desolation where on Sunday stood the neat dwelling and outbuildings of Mr. Donnelly.

The movement of the landslide was to the southwest, in the direction of the River Flesk. into which a large portion of the earth, &c., slipped, blocking it up. The current of the river was employed in running dynamos which furnished electric light for the Kerry Lunatio Asylum and some buildings in Killarney. The blocking of the river, of course, stopped the current and rendered the dynamos temporarily useless.

All the buildings using the light from this source were plunged into darkness, and it was some time before other lights could be obtained. The part of the hill where the slide began was a bog, and much of the earth that moved was very soft. Huge quantities plunged into the river, and there is danger of the backwater flooding the country roundabout unless the turrent is able to carry the debris down with it. If anybody was passing along the roads at the time the slide passed over the highways they

were surely buried. There have been no reports of anybody being missing, and on this is based the belief that there was no loss of life outside the Donneily family. The thatch which formed the roof of the Donnelly house was found floating in the river, and some people surmise that the bodies of some of the family may also have been carried that far. The bog is still moving this afternoon, but no further damage can result unless it be the more effective damming of the river.

BIG BLAZE IN WASHINGTON.

Lansburgh's Rink on New York Avenue Destroyed-Loss \$130 000. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Lausburgh's rink. on New York avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, N. W., was entirely destroyed by a fire which started at 6 o'clock this evening. The combustible nature of the stock, which consisted of all descriptions of urniture and bedding, furnished easy material for the flames, which enveloped the building within ten minutes after the fire was discovered ered. A general alarm was turned in, and all the engines in the city hurried to the scene. The flames shot up to a great height, and the Washington Monument and all the lower por-tion of the city was lit up for an hour or more. The fire was not subdued until after two nours' hard fighting. Mr. Lansburgh estimates his loss on stock at \$10,000. He carried an insurance of \$00,000. The building was owned by a syn-dicate, and valued at \$50,000, on which there was a nattrial insurance. The private dwell-ing of Dr. Z. T. Sowers, next door, was badly ed by fire and water: loss, \$10,000, partered by insurance. The rears of several

ly covered by insurance. The rears of several houses on Thirteenth street, east of the rink, were damaged to the extent of \$1,000. COL. GASKILL ACCUSED OF PERJURY The President of the Defunct Cataract Milling Company Indicted.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 28 .- Among the sealed indictments brought in by the late Grand Jury was one for perjury against Col. C. B. Gaskill of Ningara Fulls, President of the defunct Cataract Milling Company of that city. The comract Milling Company of that city. The complainant before the Grand Jury was George P. Pearson of the town of Royalton.

A year or so ago Pearson but into Gaskill's hands to invest for him \$2,000. Gaskill was slow in doing what he agreed, and Pearson demanded the return of the cash. As his demand was not satisfied Pearson brought sult for the recovery of the amount and secured a judgment for it. Gaskill paid a little on it, and to settle the balance he and his wife gave Pearson a note for \$1,866.

The note went to protest and Pearson began an action to enforce its payment. It was during this trial that Gaskill committed the alleged perjury, he swearing that the note was of the accommodation type, without consideration, which was done in the face of Pearson having Gaskill's receipt that he had \$2,000 of the former's money.

Merchant Indicted for Forgery.

Gustave White, who lives at 182 East Seventy ninth street, was indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury and arrested on a charge of forgery Grand Jury and arrested on a charge of forgery in the third degree. White was a member of the firm of White & Oberfelder, dealers in woollens, who failed in 1894. One of the partners had brother who was a member of the firm of Oberfelder & Co.

After the failure of White & Oberfelder Lawyer Abe Gruber was employed by the creditors to investigate the failure, and reported that White had defrauded the creditors of his firm by depositing \$6,000 to the credit of Oberfelder's brother's firm, keeping a falso account to cover this.

o cover this Harrah for an Appropriation.

The special committee appointed by President Jeroloman of the Board of Aldermen to investigate the feasibility of municipal ownership of gas plants, with a constitutional limit of deba that rapid transit threatens to overpass, met peterday in the City Hall and organized for work. The committee will draw up a bill asking the Legislature for a "small appropriation" for carrying on the investigation. If the money appropriated the committee will endeavor to expend it. Alderman Hall is the Chairman of the committee. f the committee.

The Murder of Charlotte Sanderson,

George Buckley was arraigned yesterday before Justice Nostrand in the Coney Island Police Court charged with having killed Charlotte Sanderson in her but on West Meadows on thet, 28. Dr. Joshua M. Van Cott, an expert chemist, was called for the prosecution. He testified he had examined the spots on Buck-ley-coat, and he accertained they were made by blood and that it could either be the bood of fish a hird, or human being. The examina-tion will be continued to-day.

Zero Weather Up the Hudson,

Euxaston, Dec. 28 .- The thermometer here ood at 14 below zezo this morning. In the are fills it ranged from 17 to 20 below. Rond-at harbor is frozen tight, in spite of the efforts feweral tugleads to keep the los broken up. Nawar jani. 100, 28, - 10s thermometer was below zero at Washingtonvulle this morning.

The Vice-President Gave the Bride Away. Sr. Louis, Dec. 28,-Miss Julia Scott of Bloom agton, Ill., and Mr. Carl Vrooman of St. louis were married this evening at the home of Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell. Vice-Freeldent Stovenson, whose wife is an aun; to Mrs. Vsoc-man, gave the bride away.